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CARTON WITH TWO  
COMPARTMENTS AND METHOD  
FOR USING THE SAME"

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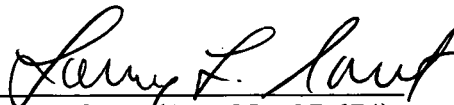
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2001 in which the Examiner identified Groups I-III of claims and required applicant elect one of these groups for examination in the present application.

The Examiner identified Group I as consisting of claims 1-8 and covering a carton; Group II as consisting of claims 9-13 and covering a method of inventory control using a carton; and Group III consisting of claims 14-15 and covering a system comprising a carton and means for compacting a portion of a pet bed. Applicant elects, with traverse, to proceed with the prosecution of the claims in Group III.

Although the Examiner believes that the three invention are distinct from one another, applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, Groups I, II and III could be examined simultaneously and that the subject matter set forth could be searched as a single invention.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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